Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 08 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 09 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 07 Jan 2021 at 17:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mainly cold, bright and dry for most Friday, then for turning milder from Saturday as Atlantic fronts spread from the west. However confidence lowering for the details of timing and extent of worst of conditions into next week.

Headline for Friday 08 Jan 2021: Most staying dry, but perhaps some early snow showers in north, also severe wind chill initially.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 08 Jan 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Friday 08 Jan 2021

Weather: Most staying dry with plenty of clear or sunny spells, but a few isolated and light snow showers possible at first, these mainly confined to northern ranges.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% or more with bases only lowering 450-600m in showers.

Visibility: Generally very good or excellent, lowering to virtually nil in early snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/39 NE	29/34 NE	29/34 NE	24/29 NE	17/21 NE	12/15 NE	8/10 NE	10/12 SW	14/18 S
900	21/27 NE	14/18 N	16/21 NE	15/19 NE	12/16 NE	10/12 NE	6/7 NE	5/7 SW	10/13 S
600	22/26 NE	13/17 E	14/17 NE	13/16 NE	10/13 NE	7/9 NE	4/5 NE	4/6 N	8/11 S
300	10/13 N	8/10 N	8/11 N	7/10 N	6/8 N	4/7 N	3/4 NE	2/4 E	5/8 S
Glen	6/13 N	4/8 NW	3/6 N	3/6 N	2/5 N	2/3 NE	2/3 E	2/3 E	2/4 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-9/-21	-10/-21	-10/-21	-10/-20	-8/-17	-8/-14	-8/-14	-9/-15	-9/-17
900	-7/-16	-8/-16	-8/-16	-8/-16	-7/-14	-7/-13	-8/-13	-8/-12	-8/-15
600	-4/-12	-5/-11	-5/-12	-5/-12	-4/-10	-4/-8	-5/-8	-6/-9	-6/-11
300	-2/-8	-3/-8	-4/-9	-4/-8	-3/-6	-2/-5	-3/-5	-3/-5	-3/-6
Glen	-1/-4	-2/-4	-3/-5	-3/-5	-1/-3	-2/-4	-3/-5	-3/-5	-3/-5
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe wind chill effect at height. Chance of blizzard conditions at first across highest peaks with blowing of lying snow.

Forecast for Saturday 09 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloud thickening from the west soon, bringing an area of patchy snow and rain before mid-morning, with some moderate outbreaks later. Snow level 300m at first, lifting 900m from mid-afternoon, then across the far north lowering 500m during the evening.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 25-30mph with gusts reaching 45mph across most exposed ridges and summits. Winds decreasing gradually from mid-afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Becoming from mid-morning 10% or less with bases extensive from 450-600m with patches lower down in west.

Visibility: Handful of kilometres in rain, less in snow, particularly in west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 06 Celsius increasing plus 03 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 05 Celsius increasing plus 01 Celsius
Freezing level: Sea level rising 1000m during the afternoon

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